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Mr. John D. Baker.....Kinston, N. C.

Next session will be held at St. Delight, Walstonburg, N. C.

CELEBRATION OF THE LANDING OF COLORED PEOPLE IN AMERICA.

From 1610—1919.

Take notice for the Celebration of the Third Century of the landing of the Colored People in America, making 300 years from 1619 to 1919. Also the Anniversary of the Bear Creek Association, the Bear Creek Sunday School Convention, the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, the Ministers and Deacons Unions, which will take place at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., sometime in June. Look out for bills. We trust that the above notice will meet with the approval of all concerned.

A. A. SMITH.

PROCEEDINGS.

Falling Creek, N. C., October 9th, 1918.

The Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-sixth annual session with Banks Chapel Church. At eleven o'clock Rev. C. C. Crawford opened service with hymn No. 29. Rev. E. P. Lawson read 22 verses of the 7th chapter of Matthew for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Walters. The Reverend plead earnestly for divine favors; he offered many thanks for past blessings; he begged for success during the session. Second selection "Take the name of Jesus with you." The Moderator in a few remarks put forth the object of the meeting, with many other things said he: "Owing to the present epidemic we will be able to hold only a one day session." Bro. T. I. Patterson deacon of the church was called upon to make a statement. The brother stated the serious regret of the condition of the community at the present time. Owing to reason stated above we will only be able to hold a one day session.

The Moderator called for the enrollment.

Banks Chapel—A. T. Kennedy, R. T. Jones, paid.
Liberty Grove—J. H. Gray paid.
First Baptist, Kinston—J. H. Jones, E. D. Boykin paid.
Augusta Chapel—L. C. Cox paid.
Patterson Chapel—F. R. Nunn, Bryant Loftin paid.
Barnes Chapel—A. M. Whitley paid.
Holly Green—J. C. Cobb paid.
First Baptist, Lucama—C. L. Battle, Willie Newton paid.
Holly Hill—Joe Dawson paid.
St. James, Kinston—H. C. Sutton paid.
Atkinson Chapel—H. C. Carroll paid.
St. Delight—Gray Beaman paid.
Rouse Chapel—J. E. Edmondson, George Speight paid.
Davis Chapel—Bryant Parks paid.
Cedar Grove—
Mount Pleasant—W. M. Jones, B. W. Smith paid.
First Baptist, Eureka—J. G. Johnson, J. T. Spruell paid.
Best Grove—Luke Best, H. D. Davis paid.
Johnson Chapel—By letter.
Mount Calvary—E. D. Kornegay, Zeb. Wooten paid.
Hickory Hill—M. Copeland paid.
Hooks Grove—Matthew Fields, A. B. Jones paid.
St. Stephen—Timothy Underwood paid.
Ebenezer—F. B. Bell paid.
Rountree Chapel—G. W. Harris, W. M. Pierce paid.
Shady Grove—By letter.
Little Creek—John Darden, Peter Barnes paid.
First Baptist, Dover—By letter.
Living Hope—James Avery paid.
Piney Grove—Henry Steward paid.
Southern Grove—J. C. Richardson paid.
Marys Grove—G. F. B. Ellis, R. R. Richardson paid.
Winn Chapel by letter.
Baptist Chapel—By letter.
Sunday School Convention—B. W. Smith.
Woman's Home Mission Society—Mary Thompson.
Western Union—See report.
Eastern Union—See report.
Fifth Union—See report.
Woman's Home Mission Society, Mount Pleasant—Cora A. Smith.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

The following paid one dollar:

Revs. R. H. Harper, A. A. Smith, L. H. Harris, W. B. Sasser, C. H. Andrews, E. D. Hildreth, P. B. Barnes, L B. Bizzell, A. J. Carlton, C. C. Crawford, R. C. Carroll, A. R. Bryant, C. Branch, due, I. H. Jones, J. D. Hood, W. H. Bryant, E. M. Croom, J. H. Houston, W. M. Jinkins, due, J. E. Roe due, C. D. Due, M. Copeland, Peter Beaman, I. S. Taylor, H. A. Sutton, T. T. Williams, F. W. Sims, H. B. Joyner, E. T. Jones, J. H. Britt, Shade Russel, L. H. Powell, A. H. Arrington, C. B. Walters, R. Crocket, R. P. Lawson, James Wellons due, J. H. Henderson, R. M. Robinson, E. Hooker, G. E. Oliver, H. W. Wooten.

The following Licentiates paid: L. B. Brown, A. Williams, E. D. Armstrong, W. S. Barnes, General Johnson, G. F. B. Ellis, Willie Brown, Albert Walters, Jessie Brown.

Annual Members—E. E. Croom, 25 cents.

DEACONS.

Banks Chapel—E. K., T. I. and Bruce Patterson, A. T. Kennedy, C. H. Bryant. Stephen Herring, R. T. Jones paid.

Holly Hill—Joe Dawson, W. M. Harrison, W. M. Mitchel, Nathan Pridgeon paid.

First Baptist, Kinston—J. H. Jones, J. W. Gorham, J. L. Brock, J. H. Hargett, E. D. Boykin substitute to Hargett, John Kinsey paid.

Atkinson Chapel—Paul Evans, C. R. Rogers, H. C. Carroll, H. Draughn paid.

Rouse Chapel—J. E. Edmondson, John Speight, George Speight, Jack Wooten, Nathan Mosely, John Best, Perry Wade paid.

Holly Green—J. C. Cobb, J. S. Smith, Moses Broadhurst, K. J. Quinn paid.

Best Grove—Luke Best, H. D. Davis, C. Hamilton, John Coor, E. C. Foye paid.

Mount Calvary—E. D. Kornegay, Zeb Wooten, paid.

Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell, Bryant Parks, Luther Bizzell paid.

First Baptist, Eureka—J. G. Johnson, J. T. Spruill, Ray Ford, Caesar Ford paid.

Johnson Chapel—Thomas Bradly, John Hines, Robert Lucas paid.

Hickory Hill—J. H. Coburn, J. A. Davis paid.

Patterson Chapel—John Baker, J. S. Everett, F. R. Nunn, Jacob Baker, W. E. Baker paid.

Hooks Grove—Mathew Fields, Luther Faison, A. B. Jones, J. H. Aycocks, Julius Worlds paid.

St. Stephen—E. L. Harris, W. M. Daniels, Timothy Underwood, C. Gills paid.

Ebenezer—F. B. Bell, A. L. Joyner, Isaac Wooten paid.

Little Creek—John Darden, Amos Hardy, Frank Ellis, Joe Battle, John Ellis paid.

St. Delight—Gray Beaman, Henry King, Elias Speight, Jessie Baker paid.

First Baptist, Dover—D. J. Joyner, N. W. Boyette paid.

Augusta Chapel—L. C. Cox, O. R. Shepard, J. Grantham, M. J. Ford paid.

Mount Pleasant—L. S. Swinson, W. M. Jones, Sam Walters, J. B. Black, B. W. Smith paid.

Penny Grove—Henry Steward, Milton Moore, Cann Barnes, Jasper Jones, James Mercy, Author Williams, William Hussey paid.

Liberty Grove—J. H. Grey, Boss Best, Frank Bizzell, J. L. Benton paid.

Shady Grove—Need Wooten, Charlie Loften, Fred Isler, Donas Loften, Jessie Coor paid.

Rountree Chapel—Charles Bullock, W. M. Pierce, Lemuel Harris paid.

First Baptist, Lucama—Wilie Knight, Willie Newton, C. L. Battle paid.

Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams, A. M. Whitley, S. W. Williams paid.

St. James, Kinston—G. F. Hood, N. Aldridge, W. M. Bryant, H. C. Sutton, Willie Hood paid.

Living Hopes—James Avery, A. J. Batts, Curtis Brozzel paid.

Southern Grove—James Southern, Evander Harrington, J. C. Richardson, paid.

Mary's Grove—J. H. Battle, R. Roe, W. L. Vick paid.

Collected on roll call $35.75. The following committees were appointed:

On Finance—F. R. Nunn, C. C. Crawford, H. C. Carroll. Committees out at work. At 1:45 adjourned for dinner.

Benediction by Rev. E. M. Croom.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two-thirty Rev. J. H. Houston introduced services with hymn No. 507, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Rev. Houston read a part of the 12th chapter of Hebrews. Rev. C. B. Walters led in prayer. The Rev. plead earnesly. Second selection, "'Tis Jesus Christ I want to find."

The Moderator in a few remarks called for the reading of the minutes of the morning session. The same were read, received and adopted.

Report of committee on Constitution was read, received and adopted. The committee recommends the Constitution to remain unchanged saving Article 20 which shall read: The Trustees and Directory Board of the S. S. Convention of the Association shall have full control of the running of the school and all other financial business of the Association coming under their supervision.

The Committee on Place made their report. They reported St. Delight for the next session. After some discussion the report was received and adopted.

A resolution for increased taxation was made, received and adopted.

Committee on Grievances made their report. After some discussion the decision of the committee was affirmed in two complaints coming before them.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary should notify all churches failing to report in this sitting to send their fees in immediately to the clerk.

Finance Committee made their report. Collected $246.50.

Report of Committee on Curriculum was made and referred to the faculty for criticism and for print. A movement was inaugurated by Bro. E. K. Patterson to raise a fund by subscription to pay at least one teacher. See report.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT BANKS CHAPEL.

Receipts.

Ministers, Deacons and delegates	$ 35.75
Rouse Chapel	30.50
Little Creek	8.75
Piney Grove	5.75
St. James, Kinston	8.50
Mount Pleasant	45.25
Patterson Chapel	18.75
Atkinson Chapel (due $10)	10.50
St. Delight	18.00
Hickory Hill (due $12.25)	12.00
Ebenezer	21.00
Liberty Grove	9.75
Banks Chapel	22.25
Holly Hill	10.75
Mount Calvary	35.75
Annual Fees	2.26
Total collected	$ 295.51

Disbursements.

W. H. Bryant, Composition	$ 5.00
E. D. Kornegay, Board Expenses	2.68
E. M. Croom, Superannuated	4.00
R. H. Harper, Superannuated	4.00
C. B. Walters	4.00
James Hargett, Deacon	2.50
C. Hamilton, Deacon	2.50
L. Brown, Deacon	2.50
Jack Wooten, Deacon	2.50
Stephen Herring, Deacon	2.50
Hatch Brooks, Deacon	2.50
Corresponding Secretary	3.00
Trustees Expenses	4.68
C. H. Andrews, Executive Board	1.00
W. H. Bryant, Executive Board	1.00
R. H. Harper, Trustee	1.78
A. A. Smith, Moderator and Trustee	6.00
A. A. Smith, on account	30.00
Programs	2.00
Stationery	.50
Clerk	10.00
On Insurance	10.00
Shady Grove	12.50
W. B. Sasser, Board Expenses	2.80
By error	.65
Department Pledges	35.00
By first month school expenses	78.00
Total disbursements	$ 233.59
Balance in Bank from this sitting	61.92

EXTRA SESSION OF ASSOCIATION.

Goldsboro, N. C., December 12th, 1918.

By order of the Executive Board the Bear Creek Association met in extra session with St. Stephen church. At 10 a. m. Bro. W. S. Barnes introduced praise service with hymn No. 329, "Oh for a faith that will not shrink." Rev. P. B. Barnes read Eccles. 8th chapter for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Sasser. The Reverend offered many thanks saying after undergoing many dangers and difficulties Thou has allowed us to meet again. Come Thou and be with us—bless us as Thou seest we stand in need of. The Reverend plead earnestly. "My God, the springs of all my joy," was led by Bro. Barnes. The Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith, in a few remarks put forth the object of the meeting. The Moderator among many other things said: "Many have quit the shores of time since we met last." The Moderator briefly went over the epidemic which had swept the country which had caused us to only be able to hold a one day session at Banks Chapel, finally after carefully considering, it was the decision of the executive board, that an extra session be called. We were finally called to this place. The Moderator made many touching remarks respecting the Baptists of the State. We were encouraged to go forward. Dr. W. H. Moore, of Raleigh, was introduced and came before us. Rev. Moore represents the Union Reformer, a Colored paper of the State. We were encouraged to subscribe.

Rev. R. C. Carroll made some brief remarks. He plead for unity. We were assured that we were welcome.

Minutes of the one days session were read and after some discussion it was agreed that a committee on officers and constitution be reappointed with power to amend. Finally the minutes were adopted.

The roll was called. Collected on roll call $28. Homes for dinner were assigned. Benediction by Rev. G. E. Oliver.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock Rev. R. H. Harper opened service with hymn No. 422, "My soul be on thy guard." Rev. A. J. Carlton read 12 verses of St. Luke for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Brother Luke Best. The brother plead for aid and assistance. He offered many thanks for the activity of the limbs, a reasonable portion of health and strength; the brother plead earnestly. "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," was sung. The Moderator in a few remarks called for the minutes of the morning session. The minutes were read, received and adopted. Collected on roll call $6.75. Living Hopes church donated one dollar for education. Collected on pledges $118.00.

The Committee on Constitution made their report. After some discussion the report was received and adopted by adding Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to Article 20 in the Constitution.

Brother Willie Brown paid 50 cents.

The Moderator called the attention of the brethren of a resolution that was passed in the joint session of the Union that all members of the different churches over the bounds should be encouraged to send 25 cents at each session of their respective Unions.

Homes were assigned. Adjourned by benediction.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:45 Rev. H. B. Joyner led with hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Prayer by Bro. George Speight. The brother plead earnestly for divine help. He prayed with the spirit. Brother Joyner continued by singing, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds." Rev. R. C. Carroll introduced services with hymn 478, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing." Rev. T. T. Williams read the 23rd Psalm for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Isom. The Reverend offered thanks for divine favors and begged God's benediction upon us. Rev. Williams lined hymn No. 186 which was sung by the choir.

The Moderator in a few remarks called for the welcome on the part of the church. We were made welcome by our distinguished brother Rev. R. C. Carroll, and were made welcome to all that tends to make christians feel welcome. Rev. A. R. Bryant very timely accepted the welcome on the part of the Association. Bro. Reddick Thompson, Superintendent of the Sunday School, welcomed us on the part of the Sunday school. Bro. J. H. Jones very creditably accepted the welcome on the part of the Association.

Rev. J. H. Isom made some wholesome remarks in the way of welcoming us on the part of the city. We were made to feel that unity existed in the city. Rev. J. H. Crow assured the Rev. that we would deport ourselves as becometh Christians while in the city.

Mrs. A. M. Whitley, the S. S. of the Knights of Gideon, spoke words of welcome on the part of the Societies of the city. We were encouraged to be loyal christians. We were made welcome to visit the Home Office while in the city. Bro. B. W. Smith accepted the welcome. Bro. Smith spoke strong on negro enterprises.

The Moderator after some remarks called Bros. B. W. Smith and C. C. Crawford to lift a collection which amounted to $15.21. Rev. J. H. Crow paid $1.00 on education, Sister Susan Cobb 25 cents, Sister Julia Rhodes paid 25 cents, Bro. E. D. Armstrong paid 50 cents.

Rev. W. B. Sasser was introduced to preach the Doctrinal Sermon of the Association. The reverend was historical and deep in his discourse. (See sermon elsewhere in the minutes.)

Prayer by Rev. T. T. Williams. The Reverend plead earnestly in his petition. Rev. J. H. Crow led with a song. Rev. Crow paid $1.00 on education, Bro. John Green paid $1.00. Homes were assigned. Adjourned by benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 Bro. W. M. Pierce introduced services with hymn No. 492. Bro. W. S. Barnes read the 116th Psalm for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Brother Barnes. The young man plead earnestly for success and christian religion. "Come holy spirit, heavenly dove," was sung. The Moderator in a few remarks called for the minutes of the afternoon and night sessions. The same were read, received and adopted. Southern Grove donated $1 for Education; Fifth Union donated $5; on roll call collected $11.25. After a lengthy discussion respecting the school, a motion prevailed that Article 20 of the Constitution be amended so as to read Directory Board of the S. S. Convention.

Sister Scott, missionary for the Woman's Home Mission Society, was introduced and came before us. She explained her work in a very intelligent manner. A collection of $3.10 was raised for her.

A committee on officers was appointed.

Western Union made their report. Donated to the Association $50.00. Eastern Union donated $70.00. S. S. Convention donated $100.00. Woman's Home Mission Society donated $20.00. Adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT SESSIONS.

At 2:30 Bro. W. M. Martin introduced service with hymn No. 122, "My soul be on thy guard." Rev. L. B. Bizzell read 33 verses of the 16th chapter of Proverbs. Prayer by Rev. Bizzell. The Reverend plead for God's benediction to rest upon us. Selection 449, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone?"

After some brief remarks by the Moderator, minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.

Brother Luke Best paid $5.00, Rev. L. B. Bizzell paid $2.00, Brother Luther Bizzell paid 25 cents. Rev. Watkins, State Missionary, was introduced and came before us. Collected on roll call $2.00. A motion prevailed that $10.00 be donated the St. Stephen Church.

At this hour, Sister Thompson representing the Orphan Home of Winston-Salem, came before us. After a very impressive address a collection of $9.00 was raised for the institution.

The trustees made their report. The report was received and adopted. (See report.)

The report of officers was made and received. After some discussion the same was adopted per report. The Executive Board made their report. The same was received and adopted.

Homes were assigned. Adjourned by benediction.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:45 Rev. R. C. Carroll led with "Where Jesus is 'tis heaven there." Prayer by Bro. Willie Artis. Rev. C. C. Crawford led with a song. Brother Thomas Hardy led in prayer. Finally Rev. G. W. Watkins lined hymn No. 417, which was sung by the choir. The Rev. read 17 verses of the first chapter of the Romans for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. C. Longs. The brother plead for divine favors. He prayed with the Spirit. "My God, the springs of all my joy," was charmingly sung by the choir. Revs. W. B. Sasser and C. C. Crawford lifted a collection amounting to $13.10. Rev. W. H. Bryant, D.D., was introduced to preach. Dr. Bryant after some preliminaries,

selected for a text Romans 1:16. We were highly entertained by our distinguished brother. Rev. Watkins made some touching remarks.

A vote of thanks was returned to the good people of Goldsboro for so well caring for the Association. Adjourned by benediction.

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

DOCTRINAL SERMON BY REV. W. B. SASSER.

Text: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth. Amen.

Matt. 28:19-20.

Brother Ministers, Delegates and visiting friends: Having been selected by this Association to bring before your minds the leading features of the evangelical church, I refer you to the chapter just read, as forming a foundation upon which the Baptist Church evidently stands. Now, if by correct interpretation and a natural course of reasoning, we can be led up to a logical consideration, that the faith and practices or the doctrine of the Baptist church harmonizes with the injunction herein stated, we shall claim for it the properties and principles which Christ suffered for his church to possess and perpetuate until time should end. I have been loth to undertake this argument, but I am forced to it by an awful and overwhelming sense of a solemn duty. None of us brethren, can approach such a stupendous subject without some light degree of stupidity. For knowing as we do that we have been misapprehended by a host of enemies, and vilified by men reported as scholars, naturally forces us into a fearful and anxious position when we are called upon to correct the mistakes, answer the charges and defy the villiany the ages have accumulated to substantiate erroneous opinions concerning us. Again the great love for the cause we uphold, and the earnest desire to establish its truths in the hearts of men until we shall make universal its borders, makes us doubt our ability to present our doctrines in all of its beauty and simplicity. We therefore, pray that in presenting this argument we shall not be misunderstood or misjudged. For it is not our endeavor to abuse, intimidate or slander any person, or sect of persons who happens not to think as we do. I only ask the privilege to speak liberally of the deep and heartfelt convictions we entertain from God's own word, and to pursuade and invite and insist upon an observance of that word unsupplemented by any human theories. But if by speaking the truth as found in the oracles of the eternal father's word I should lose the friendship of some and excite the enmity of more, I shall not feel responsible for your malediction, for with the presentment that I am soon to appear at God's bar to give account of my stewardship, and with the consciousness that God's will should take precedence to courtesy, the breezes of popular favors or human courtesy, I must put forth the message of truth, and run the risk, even though my lifeblood should pay the forfeit. If I forfeit your love for the truth's sake I am grieved for you, but certainly if you hate the truth, you cannot be saved. Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true are the first lessons we are taught at the feet of Jesus, and the theme of truth we contemplate, and by the dictates of truth we endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while we are influenced by the principles of truth, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us. Sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us from all men, and our heart and tongue joins together in promoting each others welfare, and rejoicing in a God like ours. If there is one message that transcends in importance all others it must be the message of eternal life.

The conditions and requirements surrounding that life should be the deep and immortal and should be the concern of every accountable being. So when the Lord Jesus had ended his earthly career, made life possible, he called the pioneers of the church and delivered unto them the solemn charge of preaching a new life. And the obligation and requirements which should be submitted to those who should come crying, what shall we do to be saved, Mark writes this charge in the most local term: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. Matthew records the valedictory: Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. The leading thoughts in these passages are soul liberty or individual responsibility to God uncontaminated with ecclesiastical civil authority. When Christ commanded or admonished to observe all things whatsoever he has commanded, it must be allowed, that he there and then located the responsibility with the individual. It is a warning also that civil authority must be resisted whenever it is adverse to his sovereign command. Christ not only left this thought as a rich legacy in his parting address to be forever received, and observed by his followers, but taught it in many of his powerful discourses. When he said render unto Caesar, the things that are Caesars and unto God the things that are God's he eternally separated the church and state. And while he would not rob Caesar of the tribute due him, nor teach his disciples to do so, it must be concluded that we who love God must not allow Caesar to take from God the tribute that we owe to him. The denomination which we claim as Baptists of the twentieth century hold dear and sacred the words of our Lord when he said, Now is the Prince of this world come and hath nothing in me.

As the keynote of their argument in opposition to State rules in the church, not only do Baptists oppose civil authority as having no God given right to prescribe any form of worship for them to follow under a penalty, but so strongly are they planted in their belief and government until they deny to any ecclesiastical body or individual or class a monopoly of that liberty, which allows each individual church its right of self government. This is the principle in the government of the Baptist church which goes far to support the truth that the Baptist church did not, as has been claimed,spring out from the Catholic church. The Baptists acknowledge the supremacy of man, but Christ and ipse dixit is applied only to God himself, this cannot be said of many of the protestant churches; for while they endeavored hard to throw off the chains which bound them to the State, they gathered up those chains for the purpose of monacling them upon the communicants who worshipped at their shrine. Baptists believe that to admit of the slightest earthly rulership in the church save Christ of his dominion, that God has given him, whose right it is to rule, Baptists hold that soul liberty is the pet child of heaven's court, and shall not be obstructed by any lawgiver like Moses, nor a Bishop like Paul; I heard the great Bishop of our soul tell John on the Isle of Patmos to write to the Angel of the Church of Philadelphia: I am he that hath the key of David; he that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth. Behold I set before thee an open door and and no man can shut it. It is that liberty for which Israel prayed for in Egypt, that over which the Jews mourned in Babylon. It is that middle wall of partition that was torn asunder by the dying struggles of the Saviour on Calvary. It was that which characterized the Baptist Church from Jordan to Rhode Island, and angels are defied to obstruct the stream. When Christ said observe all things, he enjoins still obedience upon his followers and his church, and the slightest deviation from that injunction would disqualify any individual or institution from discipleship claiming God's approval. For Christ told us in the 14th chapter of John, he that hath my

commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth me. And he that loveth me shall be loved of my father and I shall love him and will manifest myself unto him. He that, loveth me not keepeth not my sayings. There is no word in the whole Bible that has received more sanction and greater emphasis than that little word obedience.

Paul says, for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners. So by the obedience of one many shall be made righteous. Since by disobedience sin entered into the world with death and hell following in its wake, it is indispensibly requisite that strict obedience be observed ere fallen man can escape those punishments and be restored to eternal life. Again, many strive to excuse themselves upon slight deviations, but sirs, no where in God's word is the slightest disobedience allowed. It was disobedience that brought Lucifer, the son of the morning, from heaven's light and plunged him into eternal doom, into the sport and prayer of rocking whirlwinds. By disobedience Adam lost the garden of paradise, Moses lost Canaan, Uzza his life, Saul his kingdom and Judas his soul. But when Adam stepped across the threshhold of a forfeited Eden on conditions of strict disobedience to the second Adam he was bidden to see in distance the treetops of another paradise where life and knowledge were fadelessly blooming beyond his reach.

While time fails us to enumerate all the commandments and sayings of Christ, we must notice those in his farewell address, which we claim stand out in bold words. There was a time of this ignorance, says Paul that God winked at ignorance, but now he commands men everywhere to repent and be baptized. Baptists claim that this commandment must be obeyed ere man can be admitted into that heavenly union with God. For Christ said to that great ruler of the Jews Nicodemas: Except a man be borne again of the water and of the spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom for Christ told Nicodemas, That which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spiritual. The kingdom of heaven then is a section of heaven let down on earth in order that dying man might enter in through it and be saved. The church then must be that heavenly section. And no man should be admitted as a member or a communicant except he who has been born of the spirit and of the water. Now if the Apostolic church admitted none except those who were born of the spirit then the scriptural church has no right to accept any except those who have been regenerated and confessed Christ as their personal Saviour.

Brethren, the world may not give us credit but it is gradually binding to our faith. But coming back to our subject of a regenerated church membership we want to notice infant baptism as being unscriptural. I venture the assertion without fear of successful contradiction, that no where in the New Testament can infant baptism be found. Many passages have been called to the rescue of those who practice it, but none have ever responded. The baptism of the entire household of the Baptists has been called upon to support infant baptism, but you can readily see that they cannot do so, because it is not legitimate or sound. When you refer to the household of Stephen, which was the first for us to notice, you can't but say that each candidate was intelligent of his belief in Christ. For they all addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints which is certainly an impossibility for infants to practice. When Christ said suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, he neither baptized them nor did he order his disciples to do so. There is no need of discussing the matter further, for pouring water on the head of an individual and sprinkling water on any one is not baptizing according to the word or command laid down by the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For we who expect to meet God in peace, must plumb the line. There is no compromise in this command. You just as well stick your stake up and run right straight to it. We will not surrender our belief to suit any one. Jesus Christ ordered the plan and we will obey. For John says, Christ baptized and ordered his disciples to baptize. The question may arise, What is baptism? In answer to this inquiry, we shall not endeavor to deal very long with the

history of the word, but according to Liddell and Scott means nothing more than to dip, plunge, immerse or bury under th ewater. Baptism is the immersion in water by a proper person. That means by one who is a believer in Christ. That person must be one who has been born again and plunged under the water himself. This mode, to my mind, bears out all our claims that baptism is intended to symbolize. It shows the death of the believer unto sin and his resurrection unto righteousness. Paul asked the Romans in chapter 6 and verse 2, How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? In these statements all Baptists will agree. And in verse 6 he says, knowing this that the old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. He says again in verse 6, therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we also should walk in the newness of life. I venture the assertion that no mode of baptism symbolizes the death, the burial and resurrection of the believers as does that baptism of immersion. For further proof Christ told Nicodemus, except a man be born of water and the spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Therefore, Baptists hold that immersion is not only right but the only scriptural mode of baptism. We have been accused of laying too much stress upon the water. I claim that is impossible for us to do since that is God's command. There are Baptists who will contend for a strict observance of this holy rite until the Saturday evening of time, when God shall fold the ages as a vesture and lay them aside. When we take into consideration the occasion of the baptism of our Lord and Saviour we cannot value or raise it too high in the estimation of man. When we behold the Son of God in Jordan that old river that God made sacred by a thousand associations. In Jordan on whose bottoms tramping Israel left their footprints. In Jordan on whose banks old David communed with God. In Jordan where Naaman was dipped and was healed. And see Jesus buried beneath its sacred waters and see Heaven that was closed to the first Adam open above him, and the third person in the trinity resting upon him and hear God the Father break the awful silence of all eternity saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, you then will admit with me that mortal tongue with all the eloquence of archangels' voices cannot rate the immersion theme too high.

Again, thinking of the resurrection of our Saviour, which baptism symbolizes, think of that third morning when the demons of darkness had been captured by the Conquering Messiah, death was robbed of its eternal sting and the grave of its victory. Hear him triumphantly exclaim: And behold, I am he that liveth and was dead, and hath the key of death and hell. All power in heaven and earth is given unto me. It was one of the most beautiful mornings that human eyes ever beheld; bright sunbeams bedecked the sky; hosannas filled the air; all heaven was shouting victory and hell was in deep despair. Jehovah shouted and all heaven with him: My strong arm and my right hand this day hath gained me the victory. God's presence shall go with those who obey him. Christ says, lo, I am with you alway; even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Brethren, be not discouraged; God's hand is seen in our bloodstained history. When dark the night and clouds look black and stormy over head, and trials of almost every kind cross your path are spread, when the soul is rocked in the cradle of engulphing billows speak to God and he will open the way. When the trumpets of sorrow and the wind of adversity howls like demons in the night, speak to Jesus; he is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Is there no hiding place for man's soul? Yes. For answer to such a question we turn our eyes first to Christ's earthly ministry. For centuries man had been looking for a God. They had been expecting him to step out from the eternities and express himself in full human form and character. Man knows of the great Jehovah, the awful and terrible one. When the earth was without form and void, when a curtain of blackness lay across the face of the deep, Jehovah's voice called order out of chaos, and light covered the

universe. When the law was given at Sinai, man beheld, walking in majesty and power up and down the burning mountain. His voice rolling in thunder tones and his feet sandaled with lightning, then came the long age of sacrificial rites, when the wrath of Jehovah was oppressed by the sacrifice of birds and animals. But all through those shadowy days the voice of prophecy was proclaiming the coming of one from Eden, with dyed garments from Bozrah glorious in his apparel, trading in the greatness of his strength. To-day he sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, and supports all who will hold up his word and preach a strict observance of his command, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Then teach them to observe all things, whomsoever he commands, and lo, he is with you always even to the end of the world.

THOSE THAT PLEDGED TO PAY $10.00 ON TEACHER'S SALARY.

Luke Best paid	$ 5.00	J. W. Gorham paid	5.00
E. K. Patterson paid	10.00	E. C. Foye paid	5.00
J. H. Britt paid	10.00	T. T. Williams paid	5.00
C. C. Crawford paid	10.00	B. W. Smith paid	5.00
Joe Dawson paid	10.00	J. Grantham paid	5.00
R. H. Harper paid	5.00	J. D. Hood pledged	10.00
J. E. Edmondson paid	5.00	T. I. Patterson pledged	10.00
H. D. Davis paid	5.00	J. H. Jones, pledged	10.00
Matthew Fields paid	5.00	W. B. Sasser pledged	5.00
A. R. Bryant paid	10.00	G. E. Oliver pledged	5.00
L. C. Cox paid	5.00	A. T. Kennedy pledged	5.00
M. W. Whitley paid	5.00	R. C. Carroll pledged	5.00
A. B. Jones paid	5.00	A. A. Smith pledged	10.00
Geo. Speight paid	5.00	E. R. Cople pledged	10.00

CASH RECEIPTS FOR 1918 AS FOLLOWS.

Total receipts at Banks Chapel	$ 343.66
Total receipts at St. Stephen, Goldsboro	734.20
Total cash receipts both meetings	$1077.86
Total disbursements both meetings including one school month disbursements of seventy-eight dollars	267.27
	$ 810.59
Brought forward from last year	5.89
	$ 816.48
In hands of Treasurer 12-13-18	$ 658.26
In Holloway-Murphy Bank 12-13-18	158.22

FINANCES COLLECTED AT GOLDSBORO, N. C.

Atkinson Chapel	$ 10.00	Living Hope	10.00
St. Stephens	30.75	St. Mary's Grove	15.50
Winn's Chapel	24.25	Holly Greene	15.50
Johnson Chapel	3.50	First Baptist, Lucama	12.75
Hooks Grove	23.75	Augusta Chapel	28.00
Table money	32.00	Southern Grove	5.00
Barnes Chapel	19.00	First Baptist, Kinston	30.00
Davis Chapel	5.00	Roundtree Chapel	20.50
First Baptist, Eureka	7.00	Best Grove	35.00
Table money	8.75	St. James, Goldsboro	3.40
Pledge money	118.00		

F. R. NUNN,
R. C. CARROLL,
JOE DAWSON, Committee.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS CONVENTION.

I, your humble servant, beg leave to make the following report: We, the Woman's Home Mission Convention are striving to do all we can for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the furtherance of education. We hope to be more service to you in the future than in the past, especially along the educational line. We hereby donate $20.00 and send one dollar as representing fees.

MARY THOMPSON, Delegate.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Brother Moderator and Brothers: We, your committee, beg leave to make the following appeal: It is our sincere request that all ministers and Sunday school workers put forth every effort available to make the world more temperate in all things

W. M. PIERCE,
L. B. BIZZELL,
C. B. WALTERS,
W. B. SASSER,
J. T. SPRUELL, Committee.

DISBURSEMENTS AT GOLDSBORO, N. C., 12-13-18.

C. H. Andrews	$ 3.48	Vice Moderator	4.00
B. W. SMITH	2.30	C. C. Crawford	1.00
A. R. Bryant	1.00	Insurance and Ledger	21.75
C. C. Carroll	6.00	A. A. Smith account	11.70
P. W. Wade	2.50	H. Draughn	2.00
P. B. Barnes	2.40	St. Stephen church	10.00
Postage Sec.	1.70		
Clerk	10.00		$ 81.83
A. A. Smith	2.00		

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Goldsboro, N. C., December 13, 1918.

December 25th, 1917, Received from J. H. Jones	$ 121.14
Received from Speights Chapel	5.75
	$ 126.89

Disbursements.

Jan. 11th, 1918, paid on salary and repairs	$ 88.00
March 6th, On Minutes	25.00
March 21, On repairs, etc.	7.50
Postage	.53
	$ 121.03
On hand	$ 5.86

A. R. BRYANT, Treasurer.

FINANCE REPORT OF THE WESTERN UNION FOR YEAR 1918, ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1918.

Number of Churches enrolled	11
Number of officers and members	78
Brought over from last year	$ 3.00
Money raised this year	120.68
Union expenses	21.37
Donated to churches from public collections	11.90
Donated to those who preached	11.00
Donated to Deacon J. P. Thompson	1.25

Paid to Rev. A. A. Smith, Educational Money..... 24.65
Balance left in the hands of the Treasurer..... 51.51
Number Sisters enrolled..... 14

Rev. A. R. Bryant, President.
Bro. E. E. Croom, Vice-President.
Bro. H. Draughon, Secretary.
Bro. W. J. Rogers, Assistant Secretary.
Bro. E. C. Foye, Treasurer.

REV. R. C. CARROLL, Chairman,
DEACON C. C. WILLIAMS,
DEACON LUKE BEST,
DEACON ED. KORNEGAY,
ZEB WOOTEN,
J. G. GRANTHAM,
Executive Board.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Constitution and Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report: After carefully investigating the Constitution we find it all right saving Article 20. We recommend that it shall read: That the Trustees and Directors of the Sunday School Convention shall have full control of running the school and all other financial business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Resolved, That all Ordained Ministers of this Association shall pay $5.00 annually; Licentiates $2.00 annually; Deacons $1.00 annually for Education.

R. C. CARROLL, Chairman
J. H. JONES, Secretary,
R. H. HARPER,
C. H. ANDREWS,
JOHN EDMONDSON,
C. C. CRAWFORD,
T. T. WILLIAMS,
W. B. SASSER,
H. D. DAVIS,
H. B. JOYNER, Committee.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY REV. C. H. ANDREWS.

Resolved, That this Association be responsible for the tuition of one student from each Church in the bounds of the Association; Provided. that the church from which the student comes pay not less than $10.00 for Educational purposes annually through the Union meetings.

The Association donated Mrs. A. B. Scott $3.00 for missions.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY REV. W. H. BRYANT.

Resolved, That the names of members of the various churches paying 25cts. quarterly to the Union Meetings shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Association.

REPORT ON OFFICERS.

We, your Committee on Officers, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the following officers:

Moderator—Rev. A. A. Smith.
Assistant Moderator—Rev. R. C. Carroll.
Clerk—E. K. Patterson.
Corresponding Secretary—Henry Draughon.
Treasurer—Rev. A. R. Bryant.
Executive Board—Rev. C. H. Andrews, Chairman; Rev. W. H. Bryant, P. B. Barnes, H. B. Joyner, B. W. Smith, J. W. Gorham, R. C. Carroll.

Trustee Board—Rev. R. Harper, Chairman; W. B. Sasser, J. H. Jones, L. C. Cox, Joe Dawson, H. D. Davis, E. D. Kornegay.

E. E. CROOM,
P. B. BARNES,
JOE DAWSON,
WILLIE NEWTON,
J. W. GORHAM,
L. B. BIZZELL,
H. B. JOYNER,
L. C. COX,
LUKE BEST,
G. E. OLIVER,
E. FOY, Committee.

THOSE TO PREACH NEXT SESSION—1919.

Introductory Sermon—Revs. J. D. Hood and R. H. Harper.
Missionary Sermon—Revs. R. C. Carroll and R. P. Lawson.
Sunday School Sermon—Revs. C. H. Andrews and G. E. Oliver.
Doctrinal Sermon—Revs. A. A. Smith and A. J. Carlton.
Unity Sermon—Revs. P. B. Barnes and W. M. Martin.
Educational Sermon—Revs. T. T. Williams and A. R. Bryant.

UNION MEETING MEMBERS.

Pattersons Chapel—Sisters Rachel Suggs, Jane Baker, Catherine Dove, Fannie Simmons, Mary Jane Simmons, Pocahontas Gooding, Oceola Loftin, Fannie Vause, Jemima Vause, Lennie Baker, Elizabeth Chatman, Anna Baker, Nancy Everett, Pearl Phillips, Lizy Vause, Nannie Hill, Pennie Dove, Minnie Phillips, Maria Phillips, Eliza Jones, Emma Cobb, Catherine Bell. Brothers—Jacob Baker, John D. Baker, D. C. Cobb, John Cobb, Bryant Loftin, Willie Baker, Jr., David Davis, J. E. Baker.

Shady Grove—Lucy Bruner, Katy Stevenson, G. M. Bruner, C. L. Loftin, Effie Wooten, L. C. Stevenson, Bettie Isler.

Holly Hill—Council Dawson, Jennie Dawson, Luvinia King, Nathan Mosely.

Hickory Hill Church members fees 12-28-29, total $3.75.

Ebenezer Church members fees 12-28-29, total $9.00.

Ebenezer, LaGrange—Sarah Rouse, Julia Suggs, C. S. Wooten, G. D. Wooten, F. B. Bell, A. C. Croom, A. L. Joyner, Jennette Harper, Jennie Wooten, Carrie L. Bondley, Amanda Morrow, Goynell Outlaw, Lucy Sawyer, Lettie Newborn, Nana Thompson, Maud Shaw, Sudia Joyner, Isaac Wooten, Charlie Wooten, Celese Bell, Queen Wooten, Viola Mosely, Martha Croom, Major Thompson, Augusta Thompson, Ada Dixon, Delcia Dixon, Millie Forshee, Fred Parker, Nancy Rouse, Adella Forshee, John Forshee, R. B. Suggs, Aaron Shaw.

Hickory Hill, Greenville-Gertrude Barnes, J. W. Williams, Sarah Moye, Press Joyner, Grant Bell, Maggie Wilson, R. C. Cherry, D. D. Richardson, Shade Gray, Matilda Wilson, Rev. Nixon Reeves, Rev. Mills Copeland, Mary Shivers, Lola Wilson, Mittie Harris, Maniza Richardson, Helen Smith, Fanny M. Johnson, Ephraim Reeves, Mary Copeland, Rosetta Williams, Deacon J. D. Davis, Emma Daniel.

First- Baptist, Kinston—L. A. Anderson, John Kinsey, Herman Reddick, A. C. Moye, Aggie Anderson, Roberta Kornegay, Alice Scott, J. W. Gorham, Ida Howard, M. K. Guy, Peter Cogdell, Lew. Harrison, Rosetta Jones, Stanley Clark, S. J. Underwood, Laura Crawford, J. W. Scott, D. C. Collins, Haywood Smith, H. S. Shields, Sylvia Simmons, Mary E. Thompson, Rachel Standford, Lizzie Britt.

CONSTITUTION OF BEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association, shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors to encourage Christian education in general, to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sabbath School in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teachings of the Word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, Pastors and Deacons, chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordained ministers belonging to this Association shall pay $1.00 annually; Licentiate Ministers, 50 cents annually; Deacons 25 cents annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of one ($1.00) dollar down and one ($1.00) dollar annually thereafter. Said monies to maintain a superannuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually. After they are paid balance of funds shall go for Education.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of nine members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of this body; in observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies representing the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of this Association, and make reports to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association or any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of no church unless called for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose, and if received, the presiding officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing twenty-five (25c.) cents to the member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, save that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 16. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Temperance, Doctrinal, Educational and Sunday School sermon during the session, directed by the Chair.

Art. 17. Messengers to the Association shall bring 25 cents for Educational purposes.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Association and Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to have full control of running the school and all other financial business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

Sec. 3. Any church or member of church connected with this Association may take shares in the school property from $5.00 to $100.00. Shares can only be sold to members connected with the Association.

AMENDMENT.

All moneys raised during the year between the sittings of the Associations by the Sunday School Convention, Home Mission Convention, Eastern and Western Unions, and from various sources, be represented at the Association and turned in to Associational Treasurer.

2. And all educational moneys in these different treasuries be paid into the Associational Treasury.

3. And all educational money in these different treasuries be accessible to the Trustee Board at all times.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of this Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.

2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.

3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.

5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.

7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.

8. After a vote is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move to reconsider.

9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.

11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

To Be Asked Applicants When Applying for License to Preach.

1. What is grace?
2. How do you know that you are called to preach the Gospel?
3. What is the Gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is religion?
6. What is faith in the Lord?
7. What is the law of God?
8. How do the Scriptures describe God?
9. Who is God?
10. What is a Gospel Church?
11. What is a Church?
12. How is a Baptist Church governed?
13. Who are Scriptural Officers of a Baptist Church?
14. What is necessary to do to be saved?

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of members.
2. Declaration of business.
3. Inviting to seats corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Read Church Letters.
6. Petitionary Letters of new churches.
7. Appoint corresponding delegates.
8. Reports of standing committees.
9. Reports of special committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous.
12. Adjournment.

For Applicants Who Apply for Ordination.

Applicants for ordination must be proficient in spelling, reading, writing, historic work of the Bible and Theology.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Church and Post Office	Pastor and Clerk.	Number Communicants	Received by Baptism.	Received by Experience.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Excomm.	Deacons paid.	No. Transferr'd	Days of Worship.	Funds sent.	Amount donated schools.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.
Mt. Calvary—Goldsboro	I. S. Reddick; H. E. Bryant	143	13	1	20	2	10	2	..	2—3	$35.75	$10.00	$.....	$.....	$35.00	$ 1500
Augusta, Dudley	A. A. Smith; C. H. Lane	112	2	....	..	2	5	5	2	3	30.00	6.57	.....	.....	156.00	1500
Hickory Hill—Greenville	W. H. Bryant; J. G. Williams	97	12	....	..	2	6	2	..	3	12.00	.....	6.50	18.23	250.00	1800
Liberty Grove—LaGrange	C. C. Crawford; Bost Best	39	....	....	..	..	7	4	2	4	9.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	350
Davis Chapel—LaGrange	L. B. Bizzell, Canazer Parks	20	5	....	..	..	3	4	..	3	5.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	400
Shady Grove—Kenly	R. M. C. Robinson; J. C. Richardson	20	10	....	..	..	1	3	..	7	5.00	1.00	12.10	3.10	125.00	500
1st Baptist—Eureka	C. H. Andrews; J. T. Spruell	28	2	....	..	1	1	3	..	3	7.00	.....	.....	.....	120.00	....
Johnson Chap.—Elm City	J. W. Watson; Priscilla Tillery	28	....	....	..	2	..	3	1	4	7.00	.....	.....	.....	60.00	500
Barnes Chapel—Goldsboro	R. C. Carroll; Handy Barnes	76	6	....	..	1	4	2	..	2	19.00	.....	.....	3.00	120.00	2000
Winn Chapel—Mt. Olive	L. H. Powell; S. Elliott	102	10	....	..	1	..	4	..	4	25.00	.....	.....	3.00	200.00	2800
St. Stephen—Goldsboro	R. C. Carroll; Edward Best	123	3	....	..	2	9	5	..	4	30.75	.....	.....	18.27	180.00	1200
First Baptist—Kinston	W. H. Bryant; E. D. Boykin	120	....	....	..	..	..	5	..	2—4	30.00	.....	.....	.....	360.00	....
Rountree—Wilson	N. H. Arrington; G. W. Harris	82	17	....	..	1	1	3	..	2—4	20.50	.....	.....	10.00	180.00	1200
Banks Chapel—LaGrange	J. D. Hood; E. H. DeGraffenreid	89	1	....	..	..	..	6	..	3	22.25	.....	.....	.....	175.00	1500
Holly Hill—Kinston	C. C. Crawford; Alfred Dawson	44	1	....	..	..	3	..	..	2	10.75	5.75	.....	.....	75.00	1200
Pinnie Grove—Fountain	P. T. Beaman; Henry Steward	23	1	....	..	..	..	..	7	3	5.75	.....	.....	.....	35.00	175
Et. Delight—Walstonburg	C. C. Crawford; Walter Williams	72	5	....	..	1	..	..	..	1—3	18.00	18.00	.....	.....	250.00	1500
Rouse Chapel—LaGrange	R. C. Carroll; N. A. Suggs	122	7	....	..	1	2	7	..	3	30.50	.....	.....	.....	144.00	1500
Little Creek	P. T. Beaman; Frank Ellis	35	4	....	..	1	..	7	..	....	8.50	.....	.....	.....	60.00	1000
St. James—Kinston	J. D. Hood; Mrs. G. F. Hood	34	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	2	8.50	.....	.....	.....	75.00	400
Mt. Pleasant—Saulston	T. T. Williams; L. B. Smith	181	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	2	45.25	.....	5.00	50.00	150.00	1000
Atkinson Ch.—Goldsboro	C. H. Andrews; W. J. Rogers	82	4	....	..	2	..	..	..	4	20.50	3.00	.....	1.59	120.05	1500
St. Mary Grove—Lucama	R. Crocket; G. F. B. Ellis	62	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	2	15.50	1.00	.....	15.90	120.00	550
Living Hope—Black Creek	————; Daisy Powell	40	....	....	..	..	..	3	..	1	10.00	.....	.....	.....	60.00	1000
Best Grove—Goldsboro	A. A. Smith; J. H. Coor	140	29	....	..	5	5	..	..	4	.....	11.08	.....	.....	150.00	1200
Hooks Grove—Pikeville	R. C. Carroll; D. W. Coley	95	16	6	1	..	..	..	..	1	23.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000
Speight Chapel—Lucama	John Artis; D. D. Speight	19	....	....	..	2	..	..	..	2	4.25	.....	.....	.....	35.75	650
Shady Grove—LaGrange	J. D Hood; Thomas Wooten	43	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	10.75	.....	.....	.....	150.00	1000
First Baptist—Dover	J. D. Hood; ————	40	....	....	..	..	..	2	..	....	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Holly Green	A. A. Smith; J. C. Cobb	62	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.00	1500
Patterson Chapel	A. A. Smith; F. R. Nunn	75	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	18.75	.....	.....	.....	60.00	500
Ebenezer—LaGrange	W. H. Bryant; G. D. Wooten	84	....	8	..	3	..	5	..	1	21.15	21.25	.....	3.00	300.00	2000

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